

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2021

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC'S
APPLICATION TO GUARANTY A LOAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$6,000,000; CASE NO. COL-T-21-02

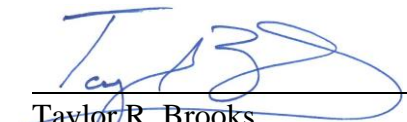
On December 10, 2021, Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. ("Company") applied for authority to guaranty a loan in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 in favor of the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative ("RTFC") guaranteeing payment to the Company's parent company, Horizon Communications, Inc. The Company requested an expeditious action under IPUC Rule of Procedure 145 and asked that the Commission issue an order approving the Guaranty on or before December 27, 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff intends to process this case expeditiously, but does not believe an order date of December 27, 2021, is reasonable. Staff recommends that the Company's proposed effective date be suspended under *Idaho Code* § 61-622. Staff recommends that this matter be processed through modified procedure within thirty (30) days from the date of the Company's application in accordance with *Idaho Code* § 61-904.

COMMISSION DECISION

1. Does the Commission wish to suspend the Company's proposed effective date of December 27, 2021, under *Idaho Code* § 61-622?
2. Does the Commission wish to process this matter within thirty (30) days from the date of the Company's application in accordance with *Idaho Code* § 61-904?


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